

## MOBILE WILL HOLD ITS BI-CENTENARY

City Founded by the French in Spring of 1711.

### PAGEANT WILL LAST A WEEK

Arrangements are in hands of Citizens' Committee, of which Dr. Edwin Craighead is chairman. Elaborate series of spectacles planned to illustrate history of town.

Mobile, Oct. 16.—The people of this city having determined with approximate accuracy that Mobile was founded in the spring of 1711 by the French under Iberville, it has been decided to celebrate the event. To that end a citizens' committee has been created to work out the details of the celebration. Dr. Edwin Craighead is chairman of this committee.

Plans for the bi-centenary of the founding of Mobile will include the erection of a monument to the brothers Iberville and Bienville, who jointly established French prestige on the Gulf coast with this city as the first headquarters. Several days will be spent in spectacular reproductions of events which mark the history of Mobile. The French, English and Spanish ambassadors at Washington will be invited to participate in the celebration. Mobile having been successively under these flags. This series of spectacles with tableaux of historical experiences with the Indians and a steamship pageant on Mobile Bay will make up a program of a week's duration, probably in the month of May.

**Starts with Fort Charlotte.**  
The first structures in Mobile were Fort Charlotte, built of palisades, and the houses within. This was built in the spring of 1711. This old fort remained partially in ruins until 1821 when it was demolished to make way for the opening of streets and the building lots of the growing city. Fort Charlotte was rebuilt of brick in 1717, and was shortly afterward named Fort Condé.

The English in 1763 retained the fort, Charlotte, and neither the Spaniards or Americans changed it afterward. Mobile became the property of America by capture, and in 1818 the town had so surrounded the fort as to make it useless as a military post. Soon after the site was plotted and sold by the government, but the ground of the old fort was not physically improved until 1820 and 1821.

Recently workmen in excavating for a sewer dug up the skeletons of several persons who had been buried in what is now Theater street. These bones were buried had been surrounded by a casing of shell lime and were in a good state of preservation after the lapse of perhaps 150 years.

**Thinks They Were French Cures.**  
P. J. Hamilton, a local historian, inclines to the belief that some of the bodies buried in the old cemetery through which Theater street passes were those of the French cures who officiated at Mobile in the colonial period, and would naturally be buried with much care and reverence. It is in this way he accounts for the encasing of the bodies in lime.

Among the features of the celebration will be a spectacular representation of the industrial and commercial growth of the port, linking its ancient history with that of to-day in the effort to show that Mobile is coming back to its rightful place as one of the leading cities of the Gulf coast.

### NEW STOCK FARM.

**W. F. Downey's Establishment a Model of Its Kind.**

William F. Downey, of this city, has established a model stock farm at Seminole Station, Fairfax County, Va.

It is about one and one-half miles from Alexandria, and its purpose is to supply Washington and vicinity with high-class horses.

This stock farm will afford those desiring to purchase horses an opportunity to get what they want, and to try the horses until they are sure of being suited. This farm is a part of the old Lord Fairfax estate, and is adapted to the purpose for which it is intended. Three streams of water course through its broad acres. It is amply fenced and paddocked and every appliance has been installed to insure the comfort and safety of stock.

Mr. Downey has recently built a stable 200 feet long by 75 feet in width, containing among other features 100 box stalls.

**Columbia Heights Residence Sold.**

The two-story brick residence at 1248 Otis place northwest has been sold to Harry L. Simons, who is connected with the Capitol, and will occupy the property as his home. It contains six rooms and bath. It is one of 18 houses recently built in this section by Harry Wardman from plans prepared by A. H. Beers. The consideration was \$5,100.

## GIRLS AND WOMEN SORT THE CIGARS.



Product of factory is assembled as to size and color and carefully packed in boxes.

### PENNSY ESTABLISHES A FARM

Hopes to Provide Object Lesson for Delaware Planters.

Borrows Plan from Recent Experiments by Long Island Railroad.

In furtherance of its policy of encouraging agricultural interests along its lines, the Pennsylvania Railroad has just purchased a farm of fifty acres at Bacon, Del., on the Delaware Railroad. It is proposed to operate an experimental station for the benefit of the farmers of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia peninsula, and with a view of exploiting the advantages of that section throughout the country.

In the fall of 1908, James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, made a trip of three days over the railroad lines on the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia peninsula.

He saw thousands of acres of this section—one of the richest agricultural districts in the world—idle, with the adjoining farms flourishing, and the products of the latter in great demand in all of the large markets of the Middle and Eastern States.

Having knowledge of the success attained by the Long Island Railroad with its two experimental farms, which have now been in operation some four years, Mr. McCrea suggested that a committee look into the matter of establishing an experimental farm on the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia peninsula; a practical demonstration farm, where the railroad could show the agricultural possibilities of the land on the peninsula.

The committee's report was favorable and the railroad has just closed a deal whereby it comes into ownership of fifty acres at Bacon.

According to the last census there are 3,916,500 acres of land on the peninsula, of which 2,653,299 acres are under cultivation. There are 28,355 farms on the peninsula, and it has a total population of some 500,000. To secure additional farmers to cultivate the 1,263,201 acres of idle land is one of the reasons for which the Pennsylvania Railroad is to undertake the operation of an experimental farm.

The co-operation of the farmers of the peninsula is already assured, and the State agricultural colleges, agricultural boards and horticultural societies are enthusiastic supporters of the project.

**Brightwood Park Houses Sell.**

Real estate salesmen have found many customers for the houses now about completed by the Modern Building Corporation in Illinois avenue, Jefferson and Kennedy streets, Brightwood Park. Four houses out of twenty-three were sold during the week just past, and many more are expected to be closed out shortly. The new car line of the Capital Traction Company now under construction, will soon be completed and will pass through Kennedy street and connect with the Fourteenth street line, and will be a great help to this section.

**Corn and Wheat in Odessa.**

The corn crop around Odessa is badly damaged. Reports from some parts of Southern Russia state that the corn crop is damaged nearly 70 per cent. In these sections most of the corn for grain is raised. Around Moscow most of the corn is raised for fodder. The crop in this section is a fair average crop. The wheat crop is reported to be not as large as was anticipated, but the yield is said to be a good average one.

Germany frowns on skyscrapers or anything approaching them.

### GOOD ROADS CONGRESS.

Mud Tax Greatest Burden Laid Upon Agricultural Progress.

From the Asheville Gazette-News.  
The congress that honors Asheville by its presence to-day in convenient mainly on account of the burdens of taxation. The worst tax, the most burdensome, the most heart-breaking that lies upon the economic system of this country, is the mud tax; mammoth in its proportions, running, as Mr. Cooke says in his speech, into hundreds of millions of dollars every year.

To battle with this monster foe of economy, prosperity, and happiness, that kills our farmers' stock, takes its steady toll of all their produce, and isolates their family from social enjoyment and intellectual activity, some of the foremost thinkers and workers of the country have assembled in Asheville. We of this city realize that the good roads congress is a gathering of large importance to the mountain country and to the South.

### RAILROADS FACE CAR FAMINE

B. & O. Begins Distribution on Percentage Basis.

Coal Carriers Very Scarce in Maryland and West Virginia Mining Region.

For the first time since the early part of 1907 the railroads of the East, especially those having a large coal tonnage, are face to face with a car famine. So serious has the situation become in the mining regions of Maryland that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has begun distributing coal cars on the percentage basis.

In the West Virginia territory scarcity of cars is even more pronounced, and inability to make prompt deliveries has retarded increased production of coal by some companies.

Practically every mine in Maryland and West Virginia is operated to the capacity of the railroads to handle the product. Prices of coal and coke are steadily rising, the latest quotations showing an advance of 25 cents a ton for coal and 75 cents a ton for coke.

There are no idle cars in this territory, and the Baltimore and Ohio, the Western Maryland and the Pennsylvania systems are being called upon every day by shippers other than coal for cars.

Coal tonnage is heavier than at any time before. It is becoming apparent that the railroads will have their hands full this fall and winter to prevent congestion of freight if the movement continues to expand at the present rate.

Similar conditions prevail in the South despite the shortage of cotton crop. Shipments of other classes of freight have increased to such an extent that the loss of revenue on account of the reduced cotton traffic will not curtail earnings in the aggregate.

The Southern Railway, the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville and Nashville have all their available cars and locomotives in service and could use more.

### ACTIVITY IN TAKOMA PARK.

Demand for Real Estate Improves with Better Car Service.

Demand for property in Takoma Park is steadily increasing according to H. L. Thornton, who deals largely in realty in that section. He says it is due to the improved street car service and the rapid northward growth of the city. Mr. Thornton reports the following sales:  
For Mrs. Anne Osborn, in connection with King, Milbourne & Collier, a tract of eleven and a half acres, adjoining Takoma Park, to an out-of-town capitalist, who will subdivide and improve the property next spring.  
For Harvey S. Knight, a tract of seven acres, near the new District school, to the Takoma Land Company, a corporation organized by H. H. McNeill and H. L. Thornton. Mr. McNeill is president of the company and H. L. Thornton secretary and treasurer. Streets are now being graded and improved.  
Mr. Thornton reports that a subdivision of the twenty acres sold for William A. Redmond will be recorded in a few days, and the property improved and placed on the market. This tract lies between Takoma Park and North Brighton.

For Virginia B. Barclay, two large lots on Holly avenue, to Dr. H. M. Bennett.  
For Rose B. Gray, lot on Butternut street, near Sixth, to Joseph C. Taylor.  
For Mr. Holroyd, lot on Butternut street, sixth, to W. W. Smith.  
For Edward V. Blue, lot corner of Cedar street and Blair road.

For Caroline F. Kemball, 2,000 square feet of ground at the corner of Eastern and Oak avenues, to W. M. Brooks, for investment.

For Takoma Land Company, lot fronting on Dahlia street, to John Quady.  
For H. L. Thornton, two lots on Piney Branch road, near Butternut street, to John Quady.

For the Whallon estate, three and one-third acres of ground, to Carrie M. Lash, in connection with William H. Saunders & Co.

For the estate of Louis H. Lee, house on Pine avenue, to C. L. Huey, who will make it his home.

For Charles Greenwood, a lot on Carroll avenue, to A. S. Baird.  
For John A. Garber, 123 D street southeast, D. Platt.  
For H. M. Bennett, 614 Eighth street northeast, to V. G. Barclay.

**Chile Produces Much Copper.**

During the first seven months of 1909 Chile exported 250 tons more copper than during the same time for 1908, of which the United States took a fair portion.

## PINCHOT STANDS PAT

President Seems to Be Laying Down Hand.

### IEWS OF SOUTHERN WRITER

Editor of Lumberman Declares Only Course for Administration to Pursue Is to Close Incident and Forget It—Says Taft Hears Rumor of Popular Disapproval

We recall a college debate of many years ago on the question as to which required the more manhood and showed the greater worth; for a young man to rise in the world from the bottom when spurred on by necessity, or for a young man to put aside idleness and luxury, as the estate of a rich man's son, and with a mission in life, take up the battle among men and strive to reach the top. The world usually gives credit to the former for he does not have the advantages and opportunities of the other, and yet succeeds. But the rich man's son has two ways to go while the other has but one, and the downward course is so alluring that most rich men's sons follow it.

To-day, with two men returning from the first journey to the north pole; with the President on a tour making studied speeches that make campaign issues for the country, and the nation is dividing with them the attention of the public. The mission in life, which he chose for himself, has been made a national issue. The man is Gifford Pinchot.

There is scarcely a newspaper throughout the entire country but has commented not once, but several times, on what is now called the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, and with few exceptions the stand of Mr. Pinchot has been fully commended. Mr. Pinchot says himself that he has no controversy with Mr. Ballinger and does not know why the difference in policy between two departments of the government should be termed a personal controversy.

But Mr. Ballinger stands for the strict construction of the homestead law which allows a conservation of the vast areas of public land. Mr. Pinchot wants to hold those lands for the benefit of the government. That's the difference. The people cannot see the stand of Mr. Pinchot where he has an axe to grind, but on account of charges of a semi-official character they look with differing views upon the course of the Secretary of the Interior. A magazine of some standing as "Current Literature" prints the following unusual comment to Mr. Pinchot:

Where Roosevelt stood. Gifford Pinchot has become something more than a passing incident. He stands for a big idea—the conservation of our public resources—as no other man, with the possible exception of Senator Burton, of Ohio, stands at the present time in the public eye. He is a man with a mission, and he succeeded in enlisting in his mission two Presidents, forty-six governors and a very considerable part of both houses of Congress.

"I want to say here," said President Roosevelt, at the opening of the historic conference of governors in Washington, "that if it had not been for Gifford Pinchot, this conference never would or could have been held." If a man is to be measured by the size of his mission, and what better way is there of measuring him?—Pinchot has become one of the largest men in our public life.

President Taft in an effort to keep his house in order has given the pat of approval to both sides of the controversy. But that will not go. The President "whitewashed" his Secretary of the Interior on the charges in the Cunningham coal case, and at the same time wrote a letter that was intended to prevent the resignation of Mr. Pinchot as United States Forester.

Since Mr. Taft has been upon this tour he has heard grand rumblings on several positions he has taken, and he has not only not hesitated, but has been quick to heed the warning. He will not have to put his ear very near to the earth here where the public stands in the controversy in question, and he will not hesitate to hazard the prediction that following the "whitewashing" of Mr. Ballinger the administration will allow the matter to be obscured, as much as possible for it to be obscured, and in a few months, through some attractive business offer or on account of declining health, the present Secretary of the Interior will drop from the Cabinet—and go to the West again.

### REAL ESTATE TOO HIGH.

Gen. Bell Shatters Hopes of Several Texas Land Owners.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 16.—There are several San Antonians who are doing considerable gnashing of teeth as the result of Gen. Franklin Bell's visit to Fort Sam Houston. The garrison at that post having recently been increased to a brigade, and with other organizations coming in the near future, more real estate is greatly needed for barracks sites and drill ground.

Enterprising real estate owners whose property adjoins the post in the direction where expansion is most desirable, were asked some time ago what they wanted for their holdings. Though the War Department at the time thought the price somewhat fancy the possibility of a sale was still very good.

Gen. Bell, however, has knocked the possibility sky high. He gave the property owners to understand that the price asked was prohibitive and the army could get along without it. What is more he refused to recommend the purchase of the property at anything near its present price. Although the price of real estate has increased tremendously within the last two years there is little that would justify the consideration demanded by the owners in question.

Gen. Bell gave it as his opinion that no special appropriations for the army could be expected next year and that for this reason very little building would be done.

"The administration must first ascertain the amount of revenue there is going to be forthcoming as a result of the new tariff measure," he said.

**Manitoba's New Corporation Act.**

The extra provincial corporations act, according to Consul General John E. Jones, of Winnipeg, goes into effect in Manitoba on November 1. Briefly, this act requires manufacturers' agents, resident in Winnipeg to pay an annual license fee based upon their companies' capitalization. While the operation of the act affects many American concerns, it also bears heavily upon resident agents from other parts of Canada.

**Electric Plant Completed.**

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 16.—The San Antonio Traction and Electric Light Company will be able in a few days to put its new 2,000-kilowatt electric plant in operation. The last of the machinery is now being installed. The plant is to supplement the output of the central plant, which for some time has been greatly overloaded.

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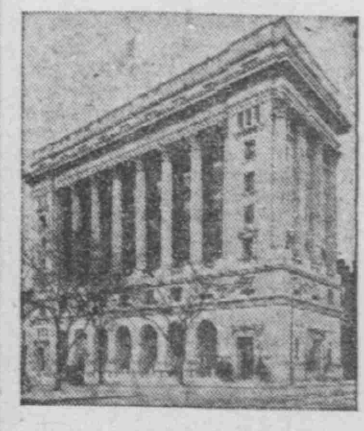
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The linseed crop is an important one in Russia. The new crop is reported to be 25 per cent larger than that of last year, but the present prices for new crop linseed is higher than at this time last year. This is due to the heavy shortage in the sunflower-seed crop. The official records at St. Petersburg show that the linseed crop in 1908 was 540,500 short tons; in 1907 655,000 tons; in 1906, 555,350 tons; and in 1905 585,400 tons (estimated). The entire linseed crop is much larger, but these figures show the amount of seed raised for crushing.

Railroads in Venezuela.

From official statistics of La Guaira it is learned that the eleven railway lines in Venezuela during the year 1908 carried a total of 412,000 passengers, which produced a passenger traffic valued at 1,306,539 bolivars (bolivar=\$0.190). The freight transported amounted to 182,833,634 kilos (kilo=.22 pounds). The total income for the year was 8,578,127 bolivars and the expenditures 6,122,307 bolivars, leaving a surplus of 2,455,820 bolivars.

The torpedo leaves the gun at a rate of forty knots an hour.